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To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

THE humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of *Ireland*, in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE *Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, having taken into our ſerious Conſideration the Calumnies and Reproaches which have been caſt upon Sir* Conſtantine Phipps, *Your Majeſty's Lord High Chancellor of* Ireland, *and Speaker of this Houſe; and having this Day had under our Examination ſeveral groundleſs Aſperſions thrown upon him by one* Richard Nuttall, *whereby he was traduced, even whilſt he was one of Your Majeſty's Lords Juſtices, as having been a Promoter of all the Diſſentions which have lately happen'd in this Kingdom, do think our ſelves obliged in Juſtice to that* Excellent Miniſter, *in all Humility to repreſent unto Your Majeſty, That We do not find, but that in the ſeveral Eminent Stations in which he hath ſerved Your Majeſty, ſince his coming into this Country, he hath acquitted himſelf with Honour and Integrity, as becomes a Diſcerning and Vigilant Governor, an equal Adminiſtrator of Juſtice, and a true Lover of the Church as by Law Eſtabliſhed, and a Zealous Aſſertor of the Prerogative, in Oppoſition to a* Factious Spirit *which hath too much prevailed in this Nation.*

We therefore moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, That You will not ſuffer any evil Report againſt him, (if any ſuch ſhould reach Your Majeſty) to make an Impreſſion on Your Royal Heart to his Diſfavour.

Her Majeſty's moſt gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe of Peers.

HER *Majeſty has always look'd on the* Lord Chancellor *as a Faithful Servant to the* Crown, *and a true Lover of the* Conſtitution *in* Church *and* State; *and is therefore extreamly well pleaſed to find by their* Addreſs *that This Houſe concurs in the ſame Opinion of Him.*

Petersbourg, December 12. *N. S.* The Czar ſet out this Day for Cronſlot, where he intends to ſtay but a ſhort time, and it is ſaid ſoon after his return he will go to Revel. Vice-Admiral Cruys, and the reſt of the Officers of the Fleet, are order'd to deliver in their Journals of the laſt Campaign at Sea, in order to give an Account of the following Points. Firſt, Why the Admiral ſuffer'd three Swediſh Ships to eſcape, though his Squadron conſiſted of thirteen Sail. Secondly, How the Wybourg Man of War came to be burnt. Thirdly, Why Monſieur Cruys would not allow the Rear-Admiral to go to Sea. Monſieur Jaguzinky, one of his Majeſty's Chamberlains, is to ſet out very ſoon with a Commiſſion to the Courts of Berlin and Copenhagen.

Lisbon, January 5. *N. S.* On the 26th paſt the Brezil Fleet arrived in this River very richly laden, but the King's Fifths, which have been due for the laſt Three Years, were left behind, that Money not being brought from the Mines when the Ships came away, and the Commodore would not ſtay beyond the Time he was order'd. The Pauliſtas have diſcover'd a rich Mine of Gold in the ſame Country, and offer to inform the King where it is to be found, and likewiſe to preſent his Majeſty with Fifty Rooves of Gold, provided they may have the Propriety of digging it. The Lord Lexington arrived here ſome Days ago from Madrid, having been received with great Honours in all the Towns through which he paſſed in this Kingdom. His Lordſhip intends to embark very ſoon for Great Britain. Mr. Delavall, Her Majeſty's Envoy Extraordinary to this Court, has had his Audience of Leave of the King and Queen.

Venice, January 5. *N. S.* Several Milaneze Barks loaden with Salt from hence, have been lately ſunk in the new Canal of Ferrara, by Order of Cardinal Ruffo, the Pope's Legat, upon Pretence that the Venetians are obliged to Export all their Salt upon the Po, and that this new way was taken, only to avoid paying the uſual Duties to the Pope. It is thought this Matter will occaſion great Differences between the Court of Rome, and the Government of Milan, and put a ſtop to the Negotiations for the Reſtitution of Comachio to the Papal See. They write from Rome, that the Pope was recover'd of his Indiſpoſition, and had given a long Audience to the Marquis de Prie, who deliver'd him a Letter from the Emperor. Part of Count Gallas's Equipage was arrived there, and he was expected himſelf in a few Days from Vienna. Signor Conventati was created Archbiſhop of Raguſa. On the 27th paſt, Signor Pierſanti Fanti de Camerino, Maſter of the Ceremonies, died in the 88th Year of his Age, and is ſucceeded in that Employment by the Abbot Candido, Dean of Sancta Maria Maggiore. They write from Naples, that ſeveral new Impoſitions were laid upon all Commodities Imported into that Kingdom.

Hague, January 19. *N. S.* The States of Holland and Weſt-Friezeland began their Meeting on the 17th, and came to ſome Reſolutions in relation to their Military Affairs. Yeſterday Morning the Marquis de Chateauneuf, Ambaſſador of France, had his Publick Audience of the States General, being follow'd by the ſame Train of Coaches with which he was attended at his Entry.

Dublin-Caſtle, Jan. 5. Yeſterday the Council met, and a Proclamation was order'd for Proroguing the Parliament to Monday the 18th Inſtant.

Weſtminſter, Jan. 12. This Day the Parliament met, and was further Prorogu'd, by Commiſſion, to Tueſday the 16th Day of February.

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